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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SEIICHIRO YAMASHITA et al.

Serial No: 10/620,107

Filed: July 15, 2003

For: CONNECTION ASSEMBLY HAVING  
COMMUNICATION FUNCTION AND  
MEDICAL APPARATUS USING THE  
CONNECTION ASSEMBLY

Art Unit: 2635

Examiner: Hung Q. Dang

RULE 116 AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: